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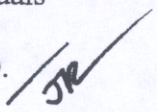
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FROM: James S. Reinhard, M.D. 

SUBJECT: **2003 Edition of the NGRI Manual: *Guidelines for the Management of Individuals Found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity***

A copy of the 2003 edition of the NGRI Manual: *Guidelines for the Management of Individuals Found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity* has been enclosed for your use. It is my pleasure to inform you that this 2003 revision of the Manual replaces the 1997 version of this document, and includes significant modifications to the process used by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for the clinical management of individuals who have been committed by the courts of the Commonwealth to the Custody of the Commissioner as Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 11.1 of Title 19.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The 2003 edition of the Manual includes all of the policy and procedural changes to the current NGRI program that have been planned for some time. I have directed that these program changes be put into effect at all DMHMRSAS mental health facilities on July 1, 2003.

The current manual, as did its predecessors, outlines the basic procedures for the clinical and administrative management of this consumer group. The DMHMRSAS program for NGRIs represents a comprehensive approach to providing intensive treatment for the individual within the context of ensuring community safety issues of relevance in each case are also addressed.

The 2003 edition of the Manual contains information of relevance to administrators, clinicians, case managers, DMHMRSAS hospital treatment teams and Community Services Boards for providing evaluation, treatment and community placement services to individuals found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity in a manner that comports with both legal parameters and professional standards of ethical practice.

The Office of Forensic Services of the DMHMRSAS Office of Facilities Management (804-225-2502) is available to provide information and consultation regarding all aspects of this program. Additional copies of this document may be accessed for printing at the DMHMRSAS website: www.dmhmrzas.state.va.us.

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